

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newburgh was held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the third floor Council Chambers at City Hall, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, NY.

The Prayer was led by Rev. Hooker with Grace United Methodist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Kennedy, presiding; Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee - 6

Absent: Councilwoman Mejia - 1



City of Newburgh

Proclamation

Women's History Month 2014

Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment

Presented to Dae Vitale

March 24, 2014

Women's History Month is a reminder that even in America, freedom and justice have never come easily. As part of a centuries-old and ever-evolving movement, countless women throughout our country have put their shoulder to the wheel of progress - activists and trailblazers who have guided our Nation toward accepting universal principles of equality, opportunity and social justice for all.

During Women's History Month 2014, the City of Newburgh honors Dae Vitale, a founding member of the Newburgh Heights Association and Newburgh Habitat for Humanity as well as a volunteer on many other boards and committees; who, over the course of four decades, has championed the City in countless grass-root efforts to protect and improve the quality of life of all our residents. She continues her involvement today as a beloved columnist for the Mid Hudson Times, chronicling everyday events of community life.

Therefore, I, Judith L. Kennedy, Mayor, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Newburgh do hereby recognize March 2014 as "Women's History Month," with special gratitude for the immense contributions of Dae Vitale, which will always be an important part of the past, the present, and the future of the City of Newburgh

Mayor Judith L. Kennedy

The City Council proclaimed Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service to Foster Grandparents and AmeriCorps Volunteers.



City of Newburgh Proclamation

National Service Day

April 1, 2014

Service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges, and national service participants such as AmeriCorps and Senior Corps serve in more than 70,000 locations across the country, including the City of Newburgh.

These participants bolster our civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is joining with mayors across the country to support the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 1, 2014; therefore

I, Judith L. Kennedy, Mayor of the City of Newburgh, NY, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2014, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our City, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Mayor Judith L. Kennedy

PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Silverstone with Safe Harbors of the Hudson announced that this year on April 26th they will be hosting their Fourth Annual Community Cleanup. It is an opportunity for everyone to come out and clean up the City and show some community pride.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Lee moved and Councilwoman Abrams seconded that the Council enter Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

All in favor the Council entered Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

Councilwoman Abrams moved and Councilwoman Angelo seconded that the Council exit Executive Session.

All in favor the Council exited Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Angelo moved and Councilwoman Abrams seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2014 be approved.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

CARRIED

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE AGENDA

Brenda McPhail, City of Newburgh questioned resolution #73-2014. At the Work Session the Broadway Corridor was here requesting the City to match something that they want to do on Broadway and she feels that the City of Newburgh does not have the money to make this match. She feels that when it is time for the Council to vote they need to turn it down.

Chuck Thomas, 227 Montgomery Street thanked the Council for their support with Newburgh Illuminated last year and for their continued support this year. He urged the Council to support resolution #71-2014 authorizing the transfer of funds donated to the City of Newburgh on behalf of the Newburgh Illuminated Festival to the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. so that they can work together to illuminate all of the wonderful good things in the City of Newburgh.

Kippy Boyle, 400 Grand Street said in regard to resolution #73-2014 that there was some discussion during the Work Session about the proposal by the Greater Newburgh Partnership for this Broadway Strategic Action Plan but she doesn't understand the whole thing exactly. It is always wonderful that other non-profits step up to the plate to help the City out but her concern is that we seem to have this ongoing pattern of using anybody other than our own employees, who we pay a lot of money to, to be in charge of these kind of projects. If we are going to have a Broadway Corridor Strategic Plan, to her it seems like something that we have to take hold of, own it and be the leaders on it so we should welcome other people to partner with us. The idea of leveraging various programs, studies, funds and grants and putting them all together to make sense out of them is a fabulous idea but it is not a new idea. She thinks that many of the people here tonight have thought the same thing and suggested it to the Council but no one has appointed anyone in a department such as Planning & Development to make it happen. She wasn't able to read the Memorandum of Understanding so she does not know the details of it but she asked that they have more of an opportunity to sit down with Greater Newburgh Partnership and understand the details of not only what their commitment is to us but also what our commitment is to ourselves.

Dolores Haymer, City of Newburgh, said in regard to resolution #69-2014 that she doesn't understand why we would take money from the City School District to paint police cars when that money could be used in a better way for education.

There being no further comments this portion of the meeting was closed.

RESOLUTION NO.: 65 - 2014
OF
MARCH 24, 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY
TO THE NEWBURGH COMMUNITY LANDBANK
IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENT-TO-OWN PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Newburgh Community Land Bank was incorporated pursuant to Article 16 and Section 402 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and is a Type C Not-For-Profit corporation as defined in Section 201 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Newburgh Community Land Bank is to stimulate planning, economic development and neighborhood revitalization by acquiring, managing and disposing of vacant, abandoned and underutilized properties in a responsible manner in collaboration with community stakeholders, developers and other governmental agencies in order to improve the quality of life in Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, upon the request of the Newburgh Community Land Bank, this Council has determined that transferring title of the parcels on the attached Schedule "A" for the purpose of disposition through a "Rent-to-Own" program is in the best interests of the City of Newburgh and its further development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Newburgh that the sale of the properties on the list attached hereto as Schedule "A" to the indicated purchaser be and hereby is confirmed and the Interim City Manager is authorized and directed to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed to said purchaser; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Newburgh that the properties are to be transferred to the Newburgh Community Land Bank subject to the Terms of Sale annexed hereto and made part hereof as Schedule "B"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York, that the parcels are not required for public use.

Councilwoman Angelo moved and Councilwoman Lee seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

ADOPTED

SCHEDULE “B” Terms and Conditions of Sale

1. The City of Newburgh acquired title to the properties known as 63 Grove Street, 8 Larter Street and 119 Montgomery Street, more accurately described as Section 26, Block 6, Lot 7.1, Section 26, Block 3, Lot 25 and Section 19, Block 1, Lot 13, respectively, on the official tax map of the City of Newburgh, (hereinafter referred to as “the parcels”) in accordance with Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and all known rights of redemption under said provisions of law have been extinguished by the tax sale proceedings and/or as a result of forfeiture.
2. The total purchase price of the parcels shall be \$93,000.00 which is Seventy-Five (75%) Percent of the Appraised Value of the parcels of \$124,000.00. The purchaser shall pay to the City the purchase price as follows:

A down payment of Fifteen (15%) Percent of the Appraised Value in the amount of \$13,950.00 shall be due on or before May 1, 2014. The down payment shall be payable to the City of Newburgh by **certified check, bank check or money order.**

The balance of the purchase price in the amount of \$79,050.00 shall be due on the earlier of the transfer of the parcels to a third party who shall be an owner-occupant or 24 months from the delivery of the deed. This term of sale shall survive the closing of title.

Parcel	Appraised Value	Sale Price	Down Payment	Balance Due
63 Grove Street	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$25,500.00
8 Larter Street	\$36,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$4,050.00	\$22,950.00
119 Montgomery Street	\$48,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$5,400.00	\$30,600.00

3. The Purchaser warrants that it is purchasing the parcels for a homeownership program and shall within 24 months of the delivery of the deed, convey the parcels to another who shall maintain their domicile and principal residence at said parcels for a minimum of a five (5) year period. If any or all of the parcels remain unsold to an owner-occupant 24 months after the date of the delivery of the deed, the Purchaser shall pay to the City the balance of the purchase price and subsequent transfer of the parcels to a third party shall be subject to the Disposition Policies of the Newburgh Community Land Bank annexed hereto and made part hereof. This term of sale shall survive the closing of title.

RESOLUTION NO.: 66 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS 255 ANN STREET (SECTION 35, BLOCK 3, LOT 5)
AT PRIVATE SALE TO BENEDETTO PAPALEO FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00**

WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh has acquired title to several parcels of real property by foreclosure *In Rem* pursuant of Article 11 Title 3 of the Real property Tax law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1166 of the Real Property Tax Law the City may sell properties acquired by foreclosure *In Rem* at private sale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh desires to sell 255 Ann Street, being more accurately described as Section 35, Block 3, Lot 5 on the official tax map of the City of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, the prospective buyer has offered to purchase this property at private sale; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City of Newburgh to sell said property to the prospective buyer for the sum as outlined below, and upon the same terms and conditions annexed hereto and made a part hereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York, that the sale of the following property to the indicated purchaser be and hereby is confirmed and the Interim City Manager is authorized and directed to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed to said purchaser upon receipt of the indicated purchase price in money order, good certified or bank check, made payable to THE CITY OF NEWBURGH, such sums are to be paid on or before May 23, 2014, being sixty (60) days from the date of this resolution; and

<u>Property address</u>	<u>Section, Block, Lot</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
255 Ann Street	35 - 3 - 5	Benedetto Papaleo	\$8,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York, that the parcel is not required for public use.

Councilwoman Angelo moved and Councilwoman Lee seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

ADOPTED

Terms and Conditions Sale

255 Ann Street, City of Newburgh (35-3-5)

STANDARD TERMS:

4. City of Newburgh acquired title to this property in accordance with Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and all known rights of redemption under said provisions of law have been extinguished by the tax sale proceedings and/or as a result of forfeiture.
5. For purposes of these Terms and Conditions, parcel shall be defined as a section, block and lot number.
6. All real property, including any buildings thereon, is sold "AS IS" and without any representation or warranty whatsoever as to the condition or title, and subject to: (a) any state of facts an accurate survey or personal inspection of the premises would disclose; (b) applicable zoning/land use/building regulations; (c) water and sewer assessments are the responsibility of the purchaser, whether they are received or not; (d) easements, covenants, conditions and rights-of-way of record existing at the time of the levy of the tax, the non-payment of which resulted in the tax sale in which City of Newburgh acquired title; and (e) for purposes of taxation, the purchaser shall be deemed to be the owner prior to the next applicable taxable status date after the date of sale.
7. The property is sold subject to unpaid school taxes for the tax years of 2013 County Tax and 2013-2014 School Taxes. The purchaser shall reimburse the City for 2013 County Taxes and 2013-2014 School Taxes. Upon the closing, the property shall become subject to taxation. Water and sewer charges and sanitation fees will be paid by the City to the date of closing.
8. **WARNING: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY RESULT IN YOUR LOSS OF THE PROPERTY AFTER PURCHASE.** The deed will contain provisions stating that the purchaser is required to rehabilitate any building on the property and bring it into compliance with all State, County and Local standards for occupancy within (18) months of the date of the deed. Within such eighteen (18) month time period the purchaser must either: obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for all buildings on the property; make all buildings granted a Certificate of Occupancy before the date of purchase fit for the use stated in such Certificate of Occupancy; or demolish such buildings. The deed shall require the purchaser to schedule an inspection by City officials at or before the end of the eighteen (18) month period. If the purchaser has not complied with the deed provisions regarding rehabilitation of the property and obtained a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance by that time, then the title to the property shall revert to the City of Newburgh. The deed shall also provide that the property shall not be conveyed to any other person before a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance is issued. A written request made to the City Manager for an extension of the eighteen (18) month rehabilitation period shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$250.00 per parcel for which a request is submitted. The City Manager may, in his sole discretion and for good cause shown, grant one extension of time to rehabilitate of up to, but not to exceed, three (3) months. Any additional request thereafter shall be made in writing and placed before the City Council for their consideration.
9. Notice is hereby given that the property lies within the East End Historic District as designated upon the zoning or tax map. This parcel is being sold subject to all provisions of law applicable thereto and it is the sole responsibility of the purchaser bidder to redevelop such parcel so designated in accordance with same
10. All purchasers are advised to personally inspect the premises and to examine title to the premises prior to the date upon which the sale is scheduled to take place. Upon delivery of the quitclaim deed by the City of Newburgh to the successful purchaser, any and all claims with respect to title to the premises are merged in the deed and do not survive.
11. No personal property is included in the sale of any of the parcels owned by City of Newburgh, unless the former owner or occupant has abandoned same. The disposition of any personal property located

on any parcel sold shall be the sole responsibility of the successful purchaser following the closing of sale.

12. The City makes no representation, express or implied, as to the condition of any property, warranty of title, or as to the suitability of any for any particular use or occupancy. Property may contain paint or other similar surface coating material containing lead. Purchaser shall be responsible for the correction of such conditions when required by applicable law. Property also may contain other environmental hazards. Purchaser shall be responsible for ascertaining and investigating such conditions prior to bidding. Purchaser shall be responsible for investigating and ascertaining from the City Building Inspector's records the legal permitted use of any property prior to closing. Purchaser acknowledges receivership of the pamphlet entitled "Protecting Your Family from Lead in Your Home." Purchaser also acknowledges that he/she has had the opportunity to conduct a risk assessment or inspection of the premises for the presence of lead-based paint, lead-based paint hazards or mold.
13. The entire purchase price and all closing costs/fees must be paid by money order or guaranteed funds to the City of Newburgh Comptroller's Office on or before May 23, 2014. *The City of Newburgh does not accept credit card payments for the purchase price and closing costs/fees.* **The City is not required to send notice of acceptance or any other notice to a purchaser.** At closing, purchaser, as grantee, may take title as a natural person or as an entity wherein purchaser is an officer or managing member of said entity. The City Manager may, in his sole discretion and for good cause shown, grant one extension of time to close title of up to, but not to exceed, sixty (60) additional days. No request shall be entertained unless in writing, stating the reasons therefor, and unless accompanied by a fee of \$250.00 per parcel for which a request is submitted. The fee shall be in addition to all other fees and deposits and shall not be credited against the purchase price and shall not be returnable. Any additional request made thereafter shall be made in writing and placed before the City Council for their consideration.
14. In the event that a sale is cancelled by court order, judgment, the Comptroller or the Newburgh City Council, the successful bidder shall be entitled only to a refund of the purchase money paid with interest. Purchaser agrees that he shall not be entitled to special or consequential damages, attorney's fees, reimbursement for any expenses incurred as a result of ownership, improvements of property, or for taxes paid during period of ownership, and this agreement by the purchaser is a material condition of the sale.
15. Sale shall be final, absolute and without recourse once title has closed and the deed has been recorded. In no event, shall City of Newburgh be or become liable for any defects in title for any cause whatsoever, and no claim, demand or suit of any nature shall exist in favor of the purchaser, his heirs, successors or assigns, against City of Newburgh arising from this sale.
16. Conveyance shall be by quitclaim deed only, containing a description of the property as it appeared on the tax roll for the year upon which the City acquired title or as corrected up to date of deed. The deed will be recorded by the City upon payment in full of the purchase price, buyer's premium, and closing fees/costs. Possession of property is forbidden until the deed is recorded conveying title to the purchaser. **Title vests upon recording of deed.**
17. Upon closing, the City shall deliver a quitclaim deed conveying all of its right, title and interest in the subject property, which deed shall be drawn by the City Corporation Counsel. The City shall not convey its interest in any street, water, sewer or drainage easement, or any other interest the City may have in the property. The City shall only convey that interest obtained by the City pursuant to the judgment rendered in an *in rem* tax foreclosure action filed in the Orange County Clerk's Office.
18. The description of the property shall be from the City of Newburgh Tax Map reference or a survey description certified to the City of Newburgh and provided to the City Corporation Counsel by the purchaser at least thirty (30) days in advance of closing title and approved by the City's Engineer.
19. Evictions, if necessary, are solely the responsibility of the successful bidder after closing and recording of the deed.
20. By acknowledging and executing these Terms & Conditions, the purchaser certifies that he/she is not representing the former owner(s) of the property against whom City of Newburgh foreclosed and has no intent to defraud City of Newburgh of the unpaid taxes, assessment, penalties and charges which have been levied against the property. The purchaser agrees that neither he/she nor his/her assigns

shall convey the property to the former owner(s) against whom City of Newburgh foreclosed within 24 months subsequent to the auction date. If such conveyance occurs, the purchaser understands that he/she may be found to have committed fraud, and/or intent to defraud, and will be liable for any deficiency between the purchase price at auction and such sums as may be owed to City of Newburgh as related to the foreclosure on the property and consents to immediate judgment by City of Newburgh for said amounts.

RESOLUTION NO.: 67 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT
OF A GRANTEE ON A DEED AND AN EXTENSION
OF TIME TO CLOSE TITLE FOR REAL PROPERTY KNOWN
AS UNIT 7-9 FERRY CROSSING CONDOMINIUMS
LOCATED AT 350 WATER STREET (SECTION 55, BLOCK 1, LOT 1.-37)**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No.: 243-2013, the City Council authorized the sale of the premises located at Unit 7-9 Ferry Crossing Condominiums, located at 350 Water Street, being more accurately described as Section 55, Block 1, Lot 1.-37 on the official tax map of the City of Newburgh to Shane Garzione; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garzione has now requested that the deed be assigned to his own name and Roland Bloomer; and

WHEREAS, the Terms and Conditions of Sale provided for a closing to take place on or before February 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garzione has requested an extension of time to close title on Unit 7-9 Ferry Crossing Condominiums, located at 350 Water Street; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that authorizing the amendment to the grantee and granting the requested extension would be in the best interests of the City of Newburgh;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed to Shane Garzione and Roland Bloomer, upon receipt of the purchase price in cash, money order, good certified or bank check and that an extension of time to purchase real property known as Unit 7-9 Ferry Crossing Condominiums, located at 350 Water Street, being more accurately described as Section 55, Block 1, Lot 1.-37 be and is hereby granted until April 30, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Terms and Conditions of Sale, a copy of which is annexed hereto, be and are hereby amended to provide for such extension.

Councilwoman Angelo moved and Councilwoman Abrams seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

ADOPTED

Terms and Conditions Sale

Unit 7-9, Ferry Crossing Condominium

350 Water Street, City of Newburgh (55-1-1.-37)

STANDARD TERMS:

21. City of Newburgh acquired title to this property in accordance with Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and all known rights of redemption under said provisions of law have been extinguished by the tax sale proceedings and/or as a result of forfeiture.
22. For purposes of these Terms and Conditions, parcel shall be defined as a section, block and lot number.
23. All real property, including any buildings thereon, is sold "AS IS" and without any representation or warranty whatsoever as to the condition or title, and subject to: (a) any state of facts an accurate survey or personal inspection of the premises would disclose; (b) applicable zoning/land use/building regulations; (c) water and sewer assessments are the responsibility of the purchaser, whether they are received or not; (d) easements, covenants, conditions and rights-of-way of record existing at the time of the levy of the tax, the non-payment of which resulted in the tax sale in which City of Newburgh acquired title; and (e) for purposes of taxation, the purchaser shall be deemed to be the owner prior to the next applicable taxable status date after the date of sale.
24. Upon the closing, the property shall become subject to taxation. Water and sewer charges and sanitation fees and association fees will be paid by the City to the date of closing.
25. **WARNING: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY RESULT IN YOUR LOSS OF THE PROPERTY AFTER PURCHASE.** The deed will contain provisions stating that the purchaser is required to rehabilitate any building on the property and bring it into compliance with all State, County and Local standards for occupancy within (18) months of the date of the deed. Within such eighteen (18) month time period the purchaser must either: obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for all buildings on the property; make all buildings granted a Certificate of Occupancy before the date of purchase fit for the use stated in such Certificate of Occupancy; or demolish such buildings. The deed shall require the purchaser to schedule an inspection by City officials at or before the end of the eighteen (18) month period. If the purchaser has not complied with the deed provisions regarding rehabilitation of the property and obtained a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance by that time, then the title to the property shall revert to the City of Newburgh. The deed shall also provide that the property shall not be conveyed to any other person before a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance is issued. A written request made to the City Manager for an extension of the eighteen (18) month rehabilitation period shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$250.00 per parcel for which a request is submitted. The City Manager may, in his sole discretion and for good cause shown, grant one extension of time to rehabilitate of up to, but not to exceed, three (3) months. Any additional request thereafter shall be made in writing and placed before the City Council for their consideration.
26. All purchasers are advised to personally inspect the premises and to examine title to the premises prior to the date upon which the sale is scheduled to take place. Upon delivery of the quitclaim deed by the City of Newburgh to the successful purchaser, any and all claims with respect to title to the premises are merged in the deed and do not survive.
27. No personal property is included in the sale of any of the parcels owned by City of Newburgh, unless the former owner or occupant has abandoned same. The disposition of any personal property located on any parcel sold shall be the sole responsibility of the successful purchaser following the closing of sale.
28. The City makes no representation, express or implied, as to the condition of any property, warranty of title, or as to the suitability of any for any particular use or occupancy. Property may contain paint or other similar surface coating material containing lead. Purchaser shall be responsible for the correction of such conditions when required by applicable law. Property also may contain other environmental

hazards. Purchaser shall be responsible for ascertaining and investigating such conditions prior to bidding. Purchaser shall be responsible for investigating and ascertaining from the City Building Inspector's records the legal permitted use of any property prior to closing. Bidder acknowledges receivership of the pamphlet entitled "Protecting Your Family from Lead in Your Home." Bidder also acknowledges that he/she has had the opportunity to conduct a risk assessment or inspection of the premises for the presence of lead-based paint, lead-based paint hazards or mold.

29. The entire purchase price, and all closing costs/fees must be paid by guaranteed funds to the City of Newburgh on or before April 30, 2014. *The City of Newburgh does not accept credit card payments for the purchase price and closing costs/fees.* **The City is not required to send notice of acceptance or any other notice to a purchaser.** The City Manager may, in his sole discretion and for good cause shown, grant one extension of time to close title of up to, but not to exceed, sixty (60) additional days. No request shall be entertained unless in writing, stating the reasons therefor, and unless accompanied by a fee of \$250.00 per parcel for which a request is submitted. The fee shall be in addition to all other fees and deposits and shall not be credited against the purchase price and shall not be returnable. Any additional request made thereafter shall be made in writing and placed before the City Council for their consideration.
30. In the event that a sale is cancelled by court order, judgment, the Comptroller or the Newburgh City Council, the successful bidder shall be entitled only to a refund of the purchase money paid with interest. Purchasers agree that they shall not be entitled to special or consequential damages, attorney's fees, reimbursement for any expenses incurred as a result of ownership, improvements of property, or for taxes paid during period of ownership, and this agreement by the purchaser is a material condition of the sale.
31. Sale shall be final, absolute and without recourse once title has closed and the deed has been recorded. In no event, shall City of Newburgh be or become liable for any defects in title for any cause whatsoever, and no claim, demand or suit of any nature shall exist in favor of the purchaser, his heirs, successors or assigns, against City of Newburgh arising from this sale.
32. Conveyance shall be by quitclaim deed only, containing a description of the property as it appeared on the tax roll for the year upon which the City acquired title or as corrected up to date of deed. The deed will be recorded by the City upon payment in full of the purchase price, buyer's premium, and closing fees/costs. Possession of property is forbidden until the deed is recorded conveying title to the purchaser. **Title vests upon recording of deed.**
33. Upon closing, the City shall deliver a quitclaim deed conveying all of its right, title and interest in the subject property, which deed shall be drawn by the City Corporation Counsel. The City shall not convey its interest in any street, water, sewer or drainage easement, or any other interest the City may have in the property. The City shall only convey that interest obtained by the City pursuant to the judgment rendered in an *in rem* tax foreclosure action filed in the Orange County Clerk's Office.
34. The description of the property shall be from the City of Newburgh Tax Map reference or a survey description certified to the City of Newburgh and provided to the City Corporation Counsel by the purchaser at least thirty (30) days in advance of closing title and approved by the City's Engineer.
35. Evictions, if necessary, are solely the responsibility of the successful bidder after closing and recording of the deed.
36. By acknowledging and executing these Terms & Conditions, the purchaser certifies that he/she is not representing the former owner(s) of the property against whom City of Newburgh foreclosed and has no intent to defraud City of Newburgh of the unpaid taxes, assessment, penalties and charges which have been levied against the property. The purchaser agrees that neither he/she nor his/her assigns shall convey the property to the former owner(s) against whom City of Newburgh foreclosed within 24 months subsequent to the auction date. If such conveyance occurs, the purchaser understands that he/she may be found to have committed fraud, and/or intent to defraud, and will be liable for any deficiency between the purchase price at auction and such sums as may be owed to City of Newburgh as related to the foreclosure on the property and consents to immediate judgment by City of Newburgh for said amounts.

RESOLUTION NO.: 68 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER
TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH GENERAL CODE
FOR THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF LASERFICHE RIO TO PROVIDE
AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-FIVE USER LICENSES AT A COST OF
TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED (\$28,300.00) DOLLARS**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 43-2008 of March 31, 2008, the City Council of the City of Newburgh authorized the City Manager to sign an agreement with General Code for Laserfiche software installation, training and support to meet the document imaging and management needs of the City Clerk and the Code Compliance Department; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 203-2013 of October 15, 2013, the City Council authorized the Interim City Manager to sign an agreement with General Code for Laserfiche RIO software installation, training and support to expand the use of the Laserfiche Rio system to other City departments, allowing other City departments to access records already converted to electronic format, including integration with the existing KVS system and to reduce costs associated with traditional paper copying and printing; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the number of user licenses permitted under the existing Laserfiche RIO agreement from 25 to 50 in order to cover fully all City departments; and

WHEREAS, General Code has submitted a change order, a copy of which is attached hereto, to amend the existing contract to include 50 named users; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the change order in the amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred (\$28,300.00) Dollars shall be derived from H1.1460.0201.8101.2013; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that entering into the change order with General Code is in the best interests of the City of Newburgh and its further development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the Interim City Manager be and he hereby is authorized to sign a change order to the agreement with General Code for Laserfiche RIO for an additional 25 user licenses as outlined in said change order with other provisions as Corporation Counsel may require.

Councilwoman Angelo moved and Councilwoman Abrams seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION NO.: 69 - 2014
OF
MARCH 24, 2014**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER
TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF SERVICES
FROM THE NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE
REPAINTING OF TWO CITY OF NEWBURGH POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh Police Department has two K-9 Police vehicles identified as Car No. 160 and Car No. 165 which require repainting; and

WHEREAS, the Newburgh Enlarged City School District has students at Newburgh Free Academy who have the ability to paint the police vehicles in connection with their classwork as a donation to the City of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, the City shall bear the cost of the materials needed to complete the paint job in the amount of \$600.00; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined it to be in the mutual best interests of the City of Newburgh and the students of Newburgh Free Academy to accept such donation of services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the Interim City Manager be and he is hereby authorized to accept a donation of services from the Newburgh Enlarged City School District and Newburgh Free Academy for students to paint two City of Newburgh Police Department vehicles, with the appreciation and thanks of the City of Newburgh.

Police Chief, Michael Ferrara, clarified that this painting will be done by the Body Shop Class at N.F.A. We have two police vehicles that need to be painted and they have donated their services so it is a learning experience for the students.

Mayor Kennedy said that no money will be exchanging hands and this gives the students in the Shop Class opportunity to practice their craft and learn.

John Aber, City Comptroller noted that the Shop Class will do the paint job but the City of Newburgh will be paying for the paint.

Councilwoman Abrams moved and Councilwoman Angelo seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO.: 70 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR APRIL 14, 2014 TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT
CONCERNING A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION C 3.00 OF THE CITY
CHARTER ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ENUMERATED" WITHIN THE
CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWBURGH**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York, that there is hereby scheduled a public hearing to receive comments concerning a Local Law amending Section C 3.00 of the City Charter entitled "Municipal Officers Enumerated" within the Code of the City of Newburgh; and that such public hearing be and hereby is duly set for the next regular meeting of the Council to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 14th day of April, 2014, in the 3rd Floor Council Chambers, 83 Broadway, City Hall, Newburgh, New York.

Councilwoman Angelo moved and Councilwoman Lee seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

ADOPTED

LOCAL LAW NO.: _____ - 2014
OF

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION C3.00
ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ENUMERATED"
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWBURGH

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Newburgh as follows:

SECTION 1 - TITLE

This Local Law shall be referred to as "A Local Law Amending Charter Section C 3.00 entitled "Municipal officers enumerated" of the Code of the City of Newburgh".

SECTION 2 - AMENDMENT

City Charter Section C 3.00 entitled "Municipal officers enumerated" of the Code of the City of Newburgh is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ C3.00. Municipal officers enumerated. The officers of the City or municipality shall be as follows:

D. The provisions of this section or of § 3 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York or of any other provisions of law requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state for which he shall be chosen or within which his official functions are required to be exercised shall not apply to the appointment of the officers of the City of Newburgh enumerated in Subsections B and C of this section and the City Marshal and Acting City Marshal, except the City Manager; the Plumbing Inspector, as to whom preference shall be given to City residents, but if, after due diligence, no such qualified candidate is found, then such Plumbing Inspector may reside within 25 miles of the City of Newburgh; and the members of the Civil Service Commission, provided that such appointed officers reside within 25 miles of the City of Newburgh or within the County of Orange and the City Marshal or the Acting City Marshal reside within the County of Orange.

SECTION 3 - VALIDITY

The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Local Law that can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

RESOLUTION NO.: 71 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS DONATED TO THE CITY OF NEWBURGH ON BEHALF OF THE NEWBURGH ILLUMINATED FESTIVAL TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ORANGE AND SULLIVAN COUNTIES, INC.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 109-2012 of June 18, 2012, the City Council of the City of Newburgh authorized the City Manager to accept donations in support of the Newburgh Illuminated Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Newburgh Illuminated Festival 2014 has entered into a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. to accept charitable donations received and to pay expenses incurred in connection with the 2014 Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Newburgh Illuminated Festival 2014 Steering Committee has requested that the City of Newburgh transfer the donations received by the City of Newburgh to date to the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that transferring said funds is in the best interests of the City of Newburgh and the Newburgh Illuminated Festival;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York hereby authorizes the Interim City Manager and the City Comptroller to transfer to the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. donations received on behalf of the Newburgh Illuminated Festival; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Newburgh continues to sponsor the Newburgh Illuminated Festival 2014 by providing insurance coverage for the event and the use of the City's Federal tax identification number for the purposes of applying for grant funds to support the event as set forth in Resolution No. 203-2013 of October 15, 2013.

Councilwoman Abrams moved and Councilwoman Angelo seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 72 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWBURGH CALLING FOR THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TRAFFIC CAMERAS TO MONITOR TRAFFIC IN ORDER TO CONTROL SPEEDING AND RUNNING RED LIGHTS FOR ALL THE CITIES IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, New York State Vehicle and Traffic law §1111-a(a) established a Red Light Camera Monitoring Program in the City of New York to enhance public safety, which Program uses cameras fixed at locations to photograph the rear of vehicle as it runs through a red light and a Notice of Liability is then issued to the registered owner of the vehicle. During its eighteen years of implementation, the Program has proven to be enormously effective in traffic safety to prevent injuries and the loss of life resulting from accidents caused by red light running; and

WHEREAS, on September 31, 2013, legislation was enacted extending the use of traffic camera monitors which established a demonstration program imposing liability on owners of motor vehicles found to be in violation of the speed limit in school speed zones of New York City through the use of a speed limit photo device; and

WHEREAS, the advances in technology have been found to be a proficient and effective tool for enforcement agencies in providing public safety and technology allowing local communities to enhance their local police and traffic forces with valuable tools and instruments so that their police force can fight crime on the street while still maintaining quality of life issues for its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, all cities across the State of New York need to keep their streets safe and ensure a high quality of life to their citizens while trying to keeping their budgets within the two (2%) percent tax cap. Cities should have the right to use the best technology available to accomplish this task including the use of Traffic Control cameras; and

WHEREAS, public safety is a top priority for the City of Newburgh as it is in all cities in the State of New York. While federal, state, county and city police continue to fight "guns on the street," local county and city leaders continue to identify and explore affordable alternative opportunities to enhance public safety and the quality of life.

Providing camera monitoring devices to the City of Newburgh, will secure safer streets from speeding motorists and stop sign violators and enhance the City's local police force efforts to protect the streets of Newburgh;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that We, the members of the City Council of the City of Newburgh respectfully request that the New York State Legislature and the Governor of the State of New York enact Legislation authorizing the use of vehicle and traffic cameras to monitor and control traffic in the cities in New York State and in particular in the City of Newburgh; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and to the Chair of the Cities Committee, Felix Ortiz, Senator William J. Larkin, Jr. and Assemblyman Frank Skartados and to Patrick Berardinelli with the City's appreciation.

Councilwoman Abrams moved and Councilwoman Angelo seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO.: 73 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER NEWBURGH PARTNERSHIP
FOR THE BROADWAY CORRIDOR STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN
FOR THE CITY OF NEWBURGH**

WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh (“the City”) and the Greater Newburgh Partnership (“the GNP”) have established a public-private partnership to facilitate the revitalization and re-development of the City of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, the City and the GNP identified the next collaborative project as the Broadway Corridor Strategic Action Plan (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project will establish a unified vision for the entire Broadway corridor which will revitalize the entire City, including the City’s downtown area; will leverage existing funding and planning initiatives into a funding stream for a comprehensive action plan; and will coordinate the revival of Broadway with City of Newburgh, local and regional agencies, the local business community and public and private investors; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Newburgh Partnership (“GNP”) has agreed to fund the Project and engaged the services of a consultant; and

WHEREAS, the City and the GNP wish to define their goals, objectives and responsibilities with respect to the Project by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) attached hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Newburgh to enter into such MOU;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Newburgh that the Interim City Manager be and he hereby is authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Newburgh Partnership in substantially the same form with other provisions as Corporation Counsel may require.

Mayor Kennedy clarified that there is no match on this. If the City could do this by itself it probably would but we are relying on private public partnerships on a constant basis now and it will really be the model going forward across America because city governments cannot manage with all that they have. Rather than sit and have nothing done because we don't have the resources to get anywhere with it the Broadway Corridor is the place where we could make a difference and have this City move in a direction that would be positive for all of our residents. This is an opportunity for all of the people who want to participate to come together to look at these plans and pick out the best of each one of them and put together a strategic plan so that we will be grant ready. Every time it comes up for a grant right now everyone scrambles to figure out what we are going to go after so we have to have a strategic plan showing the big picture and know where we are going. There are all kinds of people waiting to do things for this City and she thinks that this is an excellent opportunity to kind of drive a stake in the ground and say, "*Here is what we are going to do*". She added that no money comes out the City's Budget for this.

Councilwoman Lee said that if this is passed tonight she hopes that the Council really encourages the Greater Newburgh Partnership and any other organization that wants to decorate the City of Newburgh to consider the multiculturalism in the City. She said that each time she sees the painting down at the foot of Broadway off of Colden Street she feels like she just woke up from a bad trip. She thinks that it is horrible so she would like the Council to encourage some cultural sensitivity because that is a horrible color combination.

Mayor Kennedy noted that on the other hand we have a whole population that thinks it's wonderful. It is part of multiculturalism because some people will like this painting and some will like another one but this is not going to be about paintings. This is about how we get stoplights, roads paved and crosswalks as well as how do we manage the parking and traffic on Broadway. This is not about decorating.

Councilwoman Angelo moved and Councilwoman Lee seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Mayor Kennedy - 5

Nays - Councilwoman Lee - 1

ADOPTED

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWBURGH
AND THE GREATER NEWBURGH PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh (“the City”) and the Greater Newburgh Partnership (“the GNP”) have established a public-private partnership to facilitate the revitalization and re-development of the City of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, the City and the GNP identified the next collaborative project as the Broadway Corridor Strategic Action Plan (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project will establish a unified vision for the entire Broadway corridor which will revitalize the entire City, including the City’s downtown area; will leverage existing funding and planning initiatives into a funding stream for a comprehensive action plan; and will coordinate the revival of Broadway with City of Newburgh, local and regional agencies, the local business community and public and private investors; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Newburgh Partnership (“GNP”) has agreed to fund the Project and engaged the services of a consultant; and

WHEREAS, the City and the GNP wish to define their goals, objectives and responsibilities with respect to the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City and the GNP hereby agree as follows:

1. Good Faith Cooperation – The Parties shall coordinate and cooperate in good faith with each other to achieve the objectives of this MOU. Each Party is dedicated to working together toward the shared goals of accomplishing the Broadway Strategic Plan Project.
2. Project Time Frame –Project completion is expected in August 2014. Each party acknowledges that in order to successfully achieve goal, the timeline and deliverables must be met, and all parties are committed to meeting those deadlines.
3. Responsibilities of the City – The City shall:
 - a. Commit the resources of the City and the cooperation of the City staff in the development of the approach, process and assistance in meeting the Project’s timetable and milestones;
 - b. Shares existing plans, surveys and studies to support the Project;
 - c. Support funding applications for additional resources for the Project as they arise;
 - d. Review and vote on accepting the final product of the Project; and
 - e. Cooperate with the GNP in the performance of its obligations pursuant to Paragraph 4.
4. Responsibilities of the GNP – The GNP shall:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed as of the date first above written.

CITY OF NEWBURGH

By:

James A. Slaughter, City Manager

Dated: _____

GREATER NEWBURGH PARTNERSHIP

By:

Dated: _____

RESOLUTION NO.: 74 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWBURGH
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
THE BROADWAY CORRIDOR STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN PROJECT AND THE
APPLICATION OF THE GREATER NEWBURGH PARTNERSHIP FOR
A CENTRAL HUDSON MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No.: 73 - 2014 of March 24, 2014, the City Council of the City of Newburgh authorized the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Newburgh Partnership to memorializing their goals, objectives and responsibilities with respect to their collaboration in the Broadway Corridor Strategic Action Plan Project (“the Project”).

WHEREAS, the Project will establish a unified vision for the entire Broadway corridor which will revitalize the entire City, including the City’s downtown area; will leverage existing funding and planning initiatives into a funding stream for a comprehensive action plan; and will coordinate the revival of Broadway with City of Newburgh, local and regional agencies, the local business community and public and private investors; and

WHEREAS, the GNP intends to apply for a Central Hudson Main Street Revitalization Program Grant to provide funding in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson Main Street Revitalization Grants target streetscape enhancements as part of an overall development plan and collaborative projects receive preferential funding recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council of the City of Newburgh, New York does hereby express its continued support for the Broadway Corridor Strategic Action Plan Project with its potential benefits being in the best interests of the City of Newburgh and its further development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this City Council fully supports the application by the Greater Newburgh Partnership for a Central Hudson Main Street Revitalization Grant with the same being in the best interests of the City of Newburgh and its further development.

Councilwoman Abrams moved and Councilwoman Angelo seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Mayor Kennedy - 5

Nays - Councilwoman Lee - 1

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO.: 75 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-PURCHASE OF
REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 135 CHAMBERS STREET
(SECTION 18, BLOCK 4, LOT 22)
AT PRIVATE SALE TO MOM HAVEN 12 LP**

WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh has acquired title to several parcels of real property by foreclosure *In Rem* pursuant of Article 11 Title 3 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1166 of the Real Property Tax Law the City may sell properties acquired by foreclosure *In Rem* at private sale; and

WHEREAS, the former owner of 135 Chambers Street, being more accurately described as Section 18, Block 4, Lot 22 on the official tax map of the City of Newburgh, have requested to re-purchase the property at private sale; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newburgh has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City of Newburgh to allow the former owner to re-purchase this property, without the need for litigation and subject to any liens, encumbrances or mortgages of record that existed against this property at the time the City of Newburgh took title in the tax foreclosure proceeding, provided that all taxes, interest and penalties owed are paid expeditiously;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York, that the sale of 135 Chambers Street, Section 18, Block 4, Lot 22, to Mom Haven 12 LP be and hereby is confirmed and that the Interim City Manager is authorized and directed to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed to said purchasers upon receipt of all past due tax liens, together with all interest and penalties accruing thereon, and all currently due taxes and charges are paid, in full, for a total amount of Nine Thousand Sixty-Two And 09/100 (\$9,062.09) Dollars, no later than April 30, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York, that the parcel is not required for public use.

Councilwoman Angelo moved and Councilwoman Lee seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO.: 76 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER
TO EXECUTE A PAYMENT OF CLAIM
WITH COURTNEY WOODBERRY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,747.02**

WHEREAS, Courtney Woodberry brought a claim against the City of Newburgh;
and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached an agreement for the payment of the claim in the amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven and 02/100 Dollars (\$2,747.02) in exchange for a release to resolve all claims among them; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined it to be in the best interests of the City of Newburgh to settle the matter for the amount agreed to by the parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York, that the Interim City Manager is hereby authorized to settle the claim of Courtney Woodberry in the total amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven and 02/100 Dollars (\$2,747.02) and that the Interim City Manager be and he hereby is authorized to execute documents as the Corporation Counsel may require to effectuate the settlement as herein described.

Councilwoman Angelo moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 5

Abstain - Councilwoman Abrams - 1

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 2014

OF

MARCH 24, 2014

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWBURGH
CALLING FOR THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR
TO ENACT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM
PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FIRST RESPONDERS IN
CALLS INVOLVING EMOTIONALLY DISTRESSED CITIZENS**

WHEREAS, First Responders in New York State receive numerous calls that are related to an emotionally disturbed person who may be suffering with mental health issues and/or substance abuse problems which require clinical intervention rather than enforcement actions which may result in unintended outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a crisis intervention team model would provide law enforcement personnel with special training necessary to respond to individuals experiencing erratic emotional events from a clinical rather than criminal perspective; and

WHEREAS, forty-five states and 2,500 cities have adopted crisis intervention programs with significant reduction in violence and injuries and improved community relations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. S6365 would create a demonstration crisis intervention team program in New York City and would further create crisis intervention team programs and training for other law enforcement agencies that choose to participate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newburgh finds that the proposed legislation affects the public safety of the City of Newburgh and will enhance the City's local police force efforts to protect the residents of Newburgh;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that We, the members of the City Council of the City of Newburgh respectfully request that the New York State Legislature and the Governor of the State of New York enact Senate Bill No. S6365 creating a demonstration crisis intervention team program for New York City and crisis intervention team programs and training to other law enforcement agencies that choose to participate and in particular in the City of Newburgh; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and to the Chair of the Cities Committee, Felix Ortiz, Senator William J. Larkin, Jr. and Assemblyman Frank Skartados.

Councilwoman Angelo moved and Councilwoman Abrams seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes - Councilwoman Abrams, Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Holmes, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy - 6

ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Interim City Manager, James Slaughter, said that starting in April he will be submitting a quarterly update to the City Council.

Councilwoman Lee said that she would like the Council to give the City Manager a directive to arrange for a meeting with the President of Orange County Community College to discuss their Start Up New York plans. She thinks that this is just the sort of project that the City should wrap itself around.

Mayor Kennedy agreed that it's a good idea but she thinks the City Manager can just do that without a directive and they are talking about bringing someone in from the State that can talk about this.

There being no further new business this portion of the meeting was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING GENERAL MATTERS

Adrian Huff, representing the Police Officers in the City of Newburgh said that they have some concerns. The Police have been without a contract for two years and eight years without a pay raise. As a result the City has become the training ground for other municipalities and there is a constant revolving door at the Police Department. They put three officers on and he thinks that the Comptroller said this might alleviate some of the overtime but he doesn't think that it will this year. They don't finish their training for six months and they are not really on their own for a year. The City streets are often patrolled by two officers at night and the department works well below the needed staffing which puts the residents and the officers at risk and leaves the City ripe for a lawsuit or potential lawsuit. The City has become dependent on New Windsor and the Town of Newburgh Police Departments because there are not enough officers to control crime in the City of Newburgh. He asked the Council to consider the needs of the Department and the residents that they protect.

Jerry Ebert with Teamsters Local 445 representing the City of Newburgh Police Officers said that in his thirty five years of doing this work he has never seen a place where people went eight years without a pay raise. What is happening is that they are losing a lot of the more experienced Officers and every time one of them leaves you lose all of that knowledge which is something that they have to think about. He knows that they are talking about putting on more Officers which is good but he wishes that the Council would consider bringing in more Officers through transfers. Many of them don't want to transfer to the City of Newburgh, however, because the other communities are paying a lot more money and are a lot safer. The City of Newburgh is known as one of the most dangerous Cities in the Country and it's a dangerous place for Police Officers. Word gets out to other Police Officers in the County that they can work in other municipalities making more money and the most exciting thing that they will have to deal with is that a cat is up a tree. This is what the Council has to think about. They have to recruit the right officers but they can't recruit them at the level of pay that they are paying. He said that they are asking the Council to direct their Attorney to get more money into the pockets of our Officers because in the end, *"money talks and bull*** walks"* and you don't want Officers walking away from the City of Newburgh. They are imploring the Council to do something about the money.

Timothy Hayes-el, lifelong resident of the City of Newburgh said that Workforce Development Institute received \$100,000.00 of CDBG funding and supposedly created six jobs. He wants to know who authorized this because he was on Grand Street where they had a deal that they were supposed to get jobs and it didn't happen so they cut a deal to get jobs with George Garrison. He wants to know what Workforce Development did to receive \$100,000.00. He added that we have someone who works in Planning and Development and their family is running Habitat for

Humanity so what are they going to do about some of the ethical violations that are going on in this City. They don't hire people who live in the City of Newburgh and no one has anything to say about the African-American community that was moved to Middletown and Middletown is going to put a stop to that too so they won't have a place to kick people out of the City and send them. He doesn't know what is wrong with the politicians here. They act like when we speak the truth it falls on deaf ears. He doesn't know what's wrong with the people of the City of Newburgh because they constantly vote these people in who do nothing. They talk about crime in the streets and you hear the Police say that there are not enough Officers so who are they helping? They are not helping the people who live here and they are not helping the Officers so what are they doing? All they talk about is the Broadway Corridor and this and that. Are they going to hire people who live in the City of Newburgh to fix up the Broadway Corridor? It's simple, all they have to do is create jobs to stop the crime but that's not happening. Money is going into pockets but nothing is getting done. When is this going to stop? Does someone have to go to Jail for it to stop?

Pam Krizek, 45 Vermont Drive, representing Trestle, Inc. thanked the Mayor for her support last year with Newburgh Illuminated. As part of Newburgh Illuminated, Trestle Inc. ran a Young Palates Envision Illumination Art Contest in collaboration with the Newburgh Enlarged City School District and they received seventy pieces of art from the children. Some were paintings of their concept of illumination on light bulbs and the rest were different medians of art from three or four different schools in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District and they have a few pieces that they want the Council to choose one or two from which will be their panel banners. She also wanted to thank Regina Angelo for allowing them to display some of them that were chosen by the Art Teachers which are hanging in the Lobby of City Hall. They will be on display for a period of time and they are hoping to have a reception on a Friday when the Mayor is back on her feet. She also asked if perhaps the City Council could give the children who were selected a Certificate from the City of Newburgh. Newburgh Illuminated will be on June 20th, 21st and 22nd this year.

Dolores Haymer, City of Newburgh said that she doesn't like when she goes to government official buildings and asks for information and it seems like certain things that she is asking for takes longer to get than it should. The Building Inspectors said that if the Landlords haven't corrected certain things in your apartment then the City will step in to make the repairs and then bill the Landlord. How long until someone steps in or until they decide that something is done? She said that they wouldn't want to live in the conditions that she is living in and she is going to keep coming to the meetings and bringing it up until something gets done. In thirty days she will be facing eviction so is there anyone here who can give her and her seven kids someplace to live? What about where she lives? What about her and her kids? No one would want to live in the conditions that she is living in so she doesn't think it's fair that she should have to. Nobody is trying to help her and she has seven kids that she has to take care of and a job she has to go to. She also has childcare and no one helps her

with any of that. She is a single mother doing it by herself and doing what she has to do in order to get her benefits. Enough is enough. When it is going to stop and when is someone going to help her? She is going on another month with no electricity on the second floor and she has seven kids. When is this going to stop and when is she going to get power? Enough is enough.

Al Drobner, City of Newburgh and prior business owner is asking the Council to reopen Washington Lake and Brown's Pond. He operated it with Mr. Butwell for about six years prior to its closing and right now it's not being used for anything. He feels that it should be reopened and the revenue can come to the City. In the past on opening day at Brown's Pond he had to turn away sixty-five cars. They took in an enormous amount of money every weekend which was helping the City Budget so he feels that it should be re-opened. Masten Lake should also be reutilized and the veteran's trailer re-opened. He has proposals for the City Manager and the Council and he hopes that they take this into consideration. He also thinks that this would be good for the youth because they could have many fishing contests and it would take them out of this element.

Joe Butwell wanted to reiterate what Mr. Drobner said and added that there are a lot of people in the City of Newburgh that used those lakes all the time and they enjoyed them.

Jerry Holmes, City of Newburgh thanked the Council for the hard job that they are doing. He knows there are problems with the Police and that they are fighting for a new contract but this City is under a big financial strain right now. If you look at the Budget, the majority of it is for Police and Fire. We need a different community relationship that will reduce crime and we also need to hire enough Officers to police the streets. At the same time, we need to make sure that we have Officers coming to work and not taking advantage of the system. He added that he has talked to a lot of the City of Newburgh residents and this Land Bank thing is new to him. He understands that Habitat for Humanity is working on their seventy-fifth home and there is a real concern with the residents here about work. We know that there is a tremendous amount of work that is being done on these houses. The work alone can keep the youth working for a long time which will get them off the streets and give them an economic reason to support themselves. It would also give them pride to keep their neighborhoods safe so he asked the Council to take the extra steps to work together because summer is coming and if they are not proactive on working together then we will be back on the News. Let's be on the News for the right reasons.

Eugene Ross, 379 Grand Street asked who he should see about filing a complaint regarding Minuta Architecture. He is trying to have his retainer returned to him as they supervised work on his house. They concluded work in October but he was denied his retainer so who should he speak to about that.

Michelle Kelson, Corporation Counsel, responded that this is a private legal matter and she asked Mr. Ross to see her following the meeting for some direction.

Brenda McPhail, City of Newburgh said that there was a NAACP meeting last week and the Mayor was there talking about the Mid-Broadway Site. She was explaining why she didn't feel they needed to build that Project and she made a comment that there is a group of people who were against her because they feel that she is racist. She said that she is appalled because she is one of the people that she was referring to and she told the Mayor that nobody ever called her a racist so wherever she got her information from it was wrong. She feels that for her to come to the NAACP and say that she was called a racist was wrong. She also noted that Ms. Haymer who spoke earlier is referring to a property that the Mayor owns and at the NAACP meeting the Mayor said that she was at Social Services trying to help this young lady but nothing has been done. She is glad to see the Teamsters here tonight because everyone is filling their pockets with money except for the poor. These people get into office and all they do is fill up their pockets. She added that she heard through the grapevine that someone told the Interim City Manager that he wasn't going to be the City Manager. At the end of the day the Interim City Manager that we have is a good City Manager. He is cleaning up corruption and they are saying that he is not a good City Manager because there is no economic development but you can't get economic development until you clean up the corruption. Why would you try to build something on top of a mess? Everyone knows that they are stealing so someone needs to go to Jail.

Kippy Boyle, Grand Street said that sometimes it seems hopeless to come here and talk about a topic that is relevant to everyone in the City that doesn't involve any personalities or politicians. It is just a topic that is of concern so she is going to start hammering away again at the Route 300 Crystal Run Project. She is not saying this for just the Council tonight but for any reporters in the audience or Union workers who happen to be watching on the television later because we need to set this straight. She understands that there was a big meeting here in City Hall this week with the Developers, City Council, City Hall representatives and our Legislators where they were all told all of the wonderful things about this Project. They were told that we don't need to worry about our drinking water and the Developers are saying that their plans meet all of City and State Codes, etc. She said that if you are a construction worker and you are going to have a job out there, what is the difference between having a job on a good project and having a job on a bad project? You are still going to have the job. When the CAC, the Quassaick Creek people and the County Planning Department requested changes to the plan it wasn't to stop the development; it was to make it a better project for everyone in the County. Nobody is going to lose jobs over it because the same people who will be constructing that place have children who go to school here and they want to see that their families are protected too. She asked the Council when they are going to talk about their drinking water. She can't believe that

it wasn't on the Agenda because this is something that concerns the future of every citizen here. She finds this shocking and it tells her that this is a big political secret they are not supposed to know about which looks really suspicious to her.

Yolandra Troy, said that she went to Court and spoke about slavery in America and was sent to a Mental Hospital. She said that there may be some Officials here in the City who are involved with drug sales and there is a lot of money involved which concerns her because if one person goes to Jail then they all should go to Jail. She added that there are no Shelters for people that are homeless here in the City of Newburgh.

Roxie Royal, City of Newburgh said that the Project being built near our drinking water is for health care but we already have health care facilities here. They are cutting down those trees near Washington Lake which is going to affect our drinking water and they are trying to close the Emergency Room in the Hospital in Cornwall. Instead of eroding the trees and contaminating our drinking water to build a new facility why couldn't that be a place for people to go. She added that our newly elected County Executive is in the process of going back into the fight of closing Valley View County Health Facility. How many of us might need that health facility one day? If he privatizes it where are we going to go? He is finding now that we don't have any money but when he came on he wanted to give his staff raises and he hired a new staff person. He then wanted to hire a Commissioner of Social Services for \$160,000.00 so if we don't have money to run the Health Facility that is already here, how are we going to spend all of this money to bring in something new? Lastly, she said that the young lady who spoke earlier should be able to have electricity and that someone should take the initiative to look in to this. How many of us would want to live in those conditions?

A City of Newburgh student at N.F.A. thanked the Council for all that they do and said that he is glad to live in a place where he can express his opinion in public. He asked the Council if we have a curfew here in the City of Newburgh because it is upsetting to see kids under the age of ten walking the streets late at night. Last week he was walking to school at O.C.C.C. and was caught in the middle of gunfire so he strongly advised that they look into a curfew

Councilwoman Holmes responded that we do not have one.

Mayor Kennedy said that she is glad that he is safe.

There being no one else wishing to speak this portion of the meeting was closed.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilwoman Abrams reminded everyone on behalf of Councilwoman Mejia, who was not in attendance tonight, that on April 15th at 6:00 p.m. she will be having a Ward Meeting for Ward 1 at 123 Grand Street and everyone from her Ward is invited. She said that her Ward met twice about the parking in the City of Newburgh which is a real problem here and the good news is that the so called plan that she thinks was too hastily done is going to be rethought. Meanwhile, the street sweeping will be restarting this week which is one of the things that will hopefully change this year where instead of guessing if they are going to come by we will hopefully have a set time such as from November 1st to April 1st there will be no street sweeping. That way everyone knows that you won't be ticketed for being on the wrong side of the street when there will be no street sweeping. She thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Councilwoman Angelo said that Saturday was the day of sharing with three Mayors from the Ukraine and it was a wonderful day. She stayed with them until they went over to Washington's Headquarters and she thinks that the interpreters made things more exciting for them and that they were really impressed. She thanked Mayor Kennedy and her Intern, Betty Lewis for all of the work that they put in to that. She wanted to thank the City Manager, Engineer and Water Department for coming up with a plan to reopen Brown's Pond. They are moving along with the plans for the Memorial Day Parade and their next meeting will be on April 11th at 6:00 at the Baseball Hall of Fame. She asked the City Manager how the Activity Center is coming along.

Interim City Manager, James Slaughter said that they are scheduled to do the roof replacement in the spring. They are also looking to replace the ceiling and get the floors cleaned and sanded. He has been talking with our new Recreation Director, Mr. Stanton, and the Rec is going to be managed a little differently so that once we make these repairs there aren't any activities that will cause damage to the Rec. It is very important that once we make these improvements it stays.

Councilwoman Angelo continued that at the Newburgh Free Library on March 26th they will have Queen of the Sun which she thinks will be partnering with Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. On Saturday, March 29th, they will have Cooking with John at the Library which everyone loves and there will be a Meet the Authors Reception on March 30th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Councilman Brown said that he stated a few meetings ago that he wants to make sure that CSEA and the Police have fair but equitable contracts and he is still on board with that. He wants both Unions to remember that we are certainly in better financial condition than we were eight years ago and certainly last year but we are still under

the two percent tax cap so they are in a balancing act with trying not to raise taxes on the taxpayers of this City yet trying to support our Unions. He is certainly on board with supporting our Unions and he is hoping that soon they can come to an agreement with both Unions that is fair and equitable for everyone involved. He thanked everyone for coming and wished them a good night.

Councilwoman Holmes thanked everyone who attended the Ward 4 meeting on Saturday. She felt that it went well and to piggyback on what Councilman Brown said she hopes that they do come to an agreement soon. She knows that they need more cops and they have been working on a lot of things. She mentioned that there is Legislative Bill 6365 that will help with intervention and mental training where they won't have to go out on mental calls. They will be able to go out and protect and serve their duties that they need to do. She encouraged everyone to look up this Bill and noted that Senator Kevin Parker is the one who wrote it. Rochester, Westchester County and Orange County is in on this Bill so it is very important. She called Senator Christine Gillibrand and she sent her some information which she forwarded to the Chief regarding grants for some cops. She wrote to Chuck Schumer and Cuomo trying to get cops in this City because we need them here. She said that there was just a shooting recently in her Ward involving a seventeen year old and she knows that in 1995 we had one hundred and five cops and now we only have sixty three. The Chief is hiring and doing the best that he can with what he has so she applauded her first responders. She thanked everyone for coming out tonight and she is glad that someone spoke earlier about a curfew because she thinks that we should have one. She hasn't presented it to the other Council members as of yet but she thinks it is a good idea.

Councilwoman Lee thanked everyone for coming out and to our Police Officers and out Teamsters she said that when they made the decision to wait with parking they took money off their table. She thinks that all of the funds that are generated in this City can go towards getting more police here and giving our officers a fair shake. She has been reading the comments that they made and she doesn't agree with all of them. If the Police Chief isn't doing his job it's because he has ineffective leaders. She doesn't think that he is the problem she thinks that the Council is the problem. They have had initiatives on the table with ways to bring in income and they have been tabled. She doesn't agree that they should table parking. She thinks that people come here and they are so accustomed to getting everything that they want for free or a building for a \$1.00 so the people who live here suffer. She thinks that both Colleges and the Hospital use our public safety; especially our Police. When there is an incident at the School, the Police are called so she thinks that they should be paying some funds towards the public safety particularly the Police Department. That hasn't happened and it's something that she has talked about for a long time but in order for us to hire more police we have to do more. We certainly need more officers and they certainly deserve a better contract. It is the Council's responsibility to bring funds in or to direct the City Manager to bring funds into the City and in the past year and a half that hasn't

happened. It looks like everything they have done moving forward has been second guessed which makes the wait even longer. This is an economy that must be stimulated and no matter what they have to stimulate this economy so that they can bring money into this City. They have the Mid-Broadway site that they initially had five votes on and now the Mayor has second guessed and campaigned to take it off the table. Should that happen she feels that they will also be sued and then there will be more money taken away. This is just the Council not making a decision it is not the Chief not making a decision. The Chief or the City Manager doesn't make those decisions the Council does. It is time to take real responsibility for what they are not doing for our police officers. They deserve an increase, we deserve more police and the residents deserve more protection so we have to keep this going. She was at a meeting where a County resident was very upset with her because she has to pay fifty dollars to park. It was easy to sit at that meeting and listen to her but it is not so easy to sit at this meeting listening to the residents and homeowners whose taxes will go above the tax cap if they don't do something. They may not make the best decisions but they need to start making some decisions and stop second guessing the ones that they have made. What they have done so far is not a bad thing but we need to have paid parking in the City of Newburgh. We are a City and we have to find ways to generate income and when we do if the public barks well they voted her in but don't vote for her next time. If she doesn't take a stand about anything then everybody suffers. If a few people get upset because they have to pay fifty dollars a month, they know that they have it. Everybody knows that they have it. If you have to pay fifty dollars a month for something, you will. She said that her income is half of what it should be and she is no longer on unemployment but she keeps her Cable turned on. No matter what her Cable is on so don't tell her that you don't have fifty dollars to pay to park or that you feel we have done something unfairly because we haven't. Their job is to be fair to the people of this City and they must do what is fair and right for the taxpayers because they suffer and they can't afford to take care of our Police Department if the Council is not doing their due diligence. She thanked everyone for coming out and wished them a good night.

Mayor Kennedy agrees with Councilman Brown that they need to come to a fair and equitable decision with both of the Unions keeping in mind that they need to also be fair and equitable with the taxpayers who are indeed struggling. Every time they have to take another home because people can't afford to pay their taxes it makes her want to cry. They can't reward one group while another one suffers. Since 2008 a lot of people have been without jobs and pay raises and they are losing their homes so they have to look at this from every perspective. She wants to support the Police and she was talking with Congressman Maloney's office today about some more grants to get us some more officers. They need to look at all of the pieces but nobody wins this deal while somebody else loses. They cannot raise taxes above the two percent tax cap. That will not happen with this Council so they have to find other ways to do this. She gets very upset when people say that there is nothing happening here. She spends a great deal of her time trying to make something happen and for those who talk about

stealing she makes \$9,000.00 a year and there is not another \$1.00 going into her pocket from anybody else. Not another \$1.00 anywhere so she doesn't know who they think is stealing but nobody is giving her money for anything. She is living on her Social Security and \$9,000.00 a year so that's her income. She wants the Unions to know that they are working on trying to find a way to be fair and equitable and find a solution. She added that they hosted three Mayors from the Ukraine on Saturday and some people might say, "*What does that have to do with me*"? In order to build a better place, we have to understand people from all walks of life. If we knew what those people are facing, our lives don't look nearly as bad. She went home after meeting them and counted her blessings that she lives here in America where someone isn't coming in and taking her house and everything else with a gun. Sometimes we have to see things from someone else's perspective to be really thankful for what we have. They are working on economic development all the time with the City Manager trying to get new businesses to come here to provide the jobs. On the day before she is going into surgery she hobbled in here to have a conversation with all of the people who are working on the Port today to make sure that that whole group is coming together and that we are getting things done. Last week they met with a group of people to try to iron out the Development on Route 300 and thanks to our great Engineer he brought a whole list of issues that need to be resolved. She wants everyone to know that he is on the job and he has been doing a diligent job of identifying the concerns and issues. There has been talk about having a meeting with our Conservation Advisory Committee so nobody is having secret meetings. It was an open meeting with staff, Corporation Counsel, our City Engineer and the City Manager all working to protect the City and its water. Just because you don't hear about it or you weren't invited doesn't mean that someone isn't there working. They are being accused of a lot of things here that she is getting pretty passionate about because they are really working hard to turn some things around and change the perception of this City that it is a good place to live. When we invite people here and we have festivals and events we are trying to show people that what's here is something beautiful and something they want to come to. In regard to the living conditions mentioned by one of our residents earlier, she said that her son bought a house here with a partner a few years ago and the partnership broke up so he asked for her help. The lady who lives in this apartment is not paying her rent Social Services is paying for it. There were violations on this house when she got involved with it and she had a Contractor go in to see how they could fix these violations. After going through the entire building and all of the things that needed to be cleaned up she was told that there are too many issues and this building is not fit for someone to be living in. She wrote a letter on January 17th to the lady living there telling her that it would be too dangerous to try to renovate this building with seven children living there. She was concerned for the children and their safety to have that kind of renovation going on in the building so she gave her thirty days. It wasn't an official notice it was a letter. She asked her to try to find another place and told her that she would refund her deposit and help her make a deposit on another place. She has not been able to find another place so in the meantime the electricity has gone out and the whole building needs to be rewired. The electricity is

out on the top floor because it is too dangerous to have on right now. She does have electricity on the first floor but her bigger problem is that she has seven children and they need a big home. She said that she has been over to Social Services and they want to put her in temporary housing which is not fair with seven children. She has given her more and more time to try to find the proper housing and she told her that when she finds a place she will give her the deposit money back so that she can move in and take the next step. She has tried to do what she can but she can't find another place for her. If anyone has or knows about a location for her and her children, please help her find a place and then Social Services can step in. She wanted to make sure this is clear because we get half-truths here and then everyone makes decisions about it. She added that they are working on making the fishing available at Brown's Pond but she doesn't know about Washington Lake. She said that she would love to implement a Curfew to have these young people off the streets. They are out there when they shouldn't be and it's dangerous. If there is a way to do it she would support it one hundred percent. She asked everyone for their Prayers as she is going into surgery for a new hip tomorrow and hopes that she will be up running around soon.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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